

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: THAT my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; THAT I verily believe I am the inventor of the invention entitled: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**, for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed as a new patent application on June 14, 1996.

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THAT the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application;

THAT this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application;

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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